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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IAEA ACTIVITIES ON SUBJECT OF HIGH- LEVEL
RADIOACTIVE WASTES

1. HARRY PARKER, WHO CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO AGENCY FOR ONE-YEAR TO DEAL WITH HIGH- LEVEL WASTE MATTERS, HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED MISSION OF PLANS TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP ON HIGH- LEVEL AND ALPHA- BEARING RADIOACTIVE WASTES ALONG LINES OF IWGFR, WITH FIRST MEETING PROBABLY TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1973. ONE AREA OF EARLY EMPHASIS WOULD BE ON INNOVATIVE CONCEPTS FOR DEALING WITH THESE WASTES.

2. PARKER WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMAL AEC VIEWS SOONEST RE TIMING OF PROPOSED MEETING BEFORE MATTER GOES TOO FAR.

3. PARKER ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR PREPARING TECHNICAL REPORT ON HIGH- LEVEL AND ALPHA- BEARING WASTES, AS RECOMMENDED BY PANEL WHICH MET LAST NOVEMBER. THIS WOULD BE AN EXPANDED BOOKLET FROM THAT PROPOSED EARLIER ON CALCINATION AND VITRIFICATION OF HIGH- LEVEL WASTES. PARKER EXPECTS TO PROPOSE HIRING CONSULTANT FOR THIS TASK AND WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER U. S. COULD PROVIDE EXPERT, LEAVING FLEXIBLE FOR TIME- BEING QUESTION OF AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO SPEND IN VIENNA FOR THIS PURPOSE. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, FOR INSTANCE,
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FOR EXPERT TO PREPARE DRAFT OUTLINE, BRING IT TO VIENNA FOR DISCUSSIONS, GO BACK TO U. S. FOR ACTUAL WRITING OF REPORT, AND RETURN LATER WITH FINAL DRAFT FOR REVIEW AND FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

4. ADVISE. LABOWITZ

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